

Annual Reports

TOWN OF WENTWORTH

New Hampshire

**For the Year Ending
Dec. 31, 1955**

Annual Reports

Town of Wentworth

New Hampshire

**From the Selectmen, Treasurer, Road Agents,
other Town Officers, and Officials of the
School District**

**For the
Year 1955**

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1955

Robert Hakenson Selectman for 1 year
William A. Morrison Selectman for 2 years
Grover C. Breck Selectman for 3 years
Olive M. Belyea Town Clerk
Lottie M. McLaughlin Treasurer
Clyde F. Brown Tax Collector
Harold Mataya Road Agent
Freeman E. Wright Road Agent
Grover C. Breck Chief of Police
Arthur C. Morrison Constable
Esther M. McCarthy Health Officer
Arthur H. Fellows Town Trustee for 1 year
Harold B. Brown Town Trustee for 2 years
Robert Hakenson Town Trustee for 3 years
Elsie Downing Library Trustee for 1 year
Carroll J. Stevens Library Trustee for 2 years
Anna B. Brown Library Trustee for 3 years
Ben B. Foster Auditor
C. Earl Gove Auditor

ELECTION OFFICERS FOR 1955

William A. Morrison Moderator
Ben B. Foster Supervisor of Check List
Anson C. Tuttle Supervisor of Check List
Charles A. Gilbert Supervisor of Check List

Ballot Clerks

Lottie M. McLaughlin Melissa Breck
Edna M. Snelgrove Gerald F. Hutchins

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wentworth in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Wentworth on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for town highways and bridges for the ensuing year (summer and winter).

4. To see if the Town will vote to accept T. R. A. for construction, maintenance and reconstruction of rural post roads and class V highways and raise and appropriate, or set aside for said purpose the sum of \$447.81, the State to contribute \$2,985.43.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$660.00 for Street Lights.

6. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Library.

7. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department.

8. To see what action the Town will take relative to playing games of Beano.

9. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a town dump.

10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate up to 1/100 of 1% of the Town's assessed valuation to support the publicity and development work of the Dartmouth—Lake Sunapee Region Association.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate

the sum of \$25.00 for Trail work, the state to contribute an equal amount.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the Marine Memorial.

13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense.

14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for permanent repairs to the town hall roof.

15. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes if necessary.

16. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount on real estate and personal property taxes (total or partial) paid before July 1.

17. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, subject to gates and bars, the road leading from the state highway 25 at the Bel Air place over Hooper Hill to a designated point at the Rodimon place.

18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the improvement of the Common.

19. To consider the matter of hard top surfacing the Atwell Hill road from Route 25 to the point of intersection with the road running from 25A to Piermont, and for this purpose to borrow the sum of \$10,000.00 and further to enter into a contract with Joseph H. Fletcher to make him personally liable for the interest on said loan.

20. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty six.

WILLIAM A. MORRISON
GROVER C. BRECK

Selectmen of Wentworth

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

WILLIAM A. MORRISON
GROVER C. BRECK

Selectmen of Wentworth

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1955	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1955	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1956
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$225.00	\$526.34	\$225.00
Railroad Tax	100.00	107.04	
Savings Bank Tax	75.00	33.95	40.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands	1,000.00	613.00	600.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	400.00	480.58	400.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		43.80	45.00
National Forest Reserve		137.48	130.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		73.89	
Bounties		72.00	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	100.00	98.77	100.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees		3.50	
Timber Sold		5.00	
Rent of Town Hall & other Bldgs.	50.00	152.00	100.00
Class V Highways	1,000.00	845.78	1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,000.00	1,235.30	1,000.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Prop. Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	250.00	294.00	290.00
Total Revenue From All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$4,200.00	\$4,722.43	\$3,930.00
Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes			29,262.76
Total Revenues			\$33,192.76

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1955	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1955	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1956
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,400.00	\$1,443.89	\$1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00	511.46	500.00
Election and Registration Exp.	75.00	83.64	400.00
Exp. Town Hall & other Bldgs.	300.00	158.26	300.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	50.00	32.00	50.00
Fire Department	325.00	413.60	400.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust and Care of Trees	100.00	100.00	
Bounties		37.50	
Civil Defense			100.00
Health:			
Health Dept., including Hospitals	300.00	500.00	50.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	12.25	15.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	300.00	120.00	150.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maint., Summer & Winter	6,500.00	8,963.70	6,500.00
Street Lighting	660.00	660.00	660.00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.		314.83	200.00
Town Road Aid	447.90	447.90	447.81
Libraries	300.00	300.00	300.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	300.00	228.00	300.00
Old Age Assistance	2,300.00	2,349.62	2,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Marine Memorial			25.00
Memorial Day & Veterans Assocs.		10.00	25.00
Aid to Soldiers and their Families		100.51	100.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Trail Work			25.00
Taxes Bought by Town		1,041.96	

BUDGET (Continued)

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1955	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1955	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1956
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses,			
Incl. Dog Damage	50.00		50.00
Bal. Due Turner Trust		10.00	
Employees' Ret. & Soc. Security	150.00	117.55	150.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	200.00	242.50	250.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction	1,000.00	1,447.32	
Lease Land Rents (School)		66.72	
Lease Land Rents (Minister)		53.96	
Overpayment W. Tax		1.44	
Overpayment Road Bills		1.79	
Perambulating Town Lines			200.00
Temporary Loans		16,000.00	
Head Taxes		957.00	
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes	1,074.99	1,074.99	1,074.99
School Taxes	15,641.48	15,802.99	16,519.96
Total Expenditures			\$33,192.76

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION OF
THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH, N. H.,
FOR THE TAX YEAR 1955**

Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)	\$323,838.00
Electric Plants:	
New England Power Co.	\$157,885.00
N. H. Electric Corp.	7,488.00
White Mountain Power Co.	19,998.00
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Total	\$185,371.00
Horses, Asses and Mules, 14	\$900.00
Cows, 140	8,825.00
Other Neat Stock, 19	850.00
Sheep and Goats, 14	140.00
Fowls, 489	450.00
Vehicles, 32	1,430.00
Portable Mills, 3	2,000.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	100.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	1,250.00
Stock in Trade	5,160.00
Mills and Machinery	200.00
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Total Gross Valuation before Exemptions Allowed	\$530,519.00
Less: Soldier's Exemptions and Exemptions To Blind	31,020.00
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Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	499,499.00
Amount of Property Valuation Exempted to Veterans	\$31,020.00
Number of Inventories distributed	267
Number of Inventories returned	159
Number of veterans who received property Exemptions	36
Number of veterans exempted from Poll Tax	52

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE

TAX YEAR 1955

Appropriations:

Town Officers Salaries	\$1,400.00
Town Officers Expenses	500.00
Social Security or Retirement	150.00
Election and Registration Expenses	75.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	300.00
Police Department	50.00
Fire Department	325.00
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination and care of Trees	100.00
Health Department	300.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	300.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
Town Road Aid	447.90
Town Maintenance	6,500.00
New Construction	1,000.00
Street Lighting	660.00
Libraries	300.00
Old Age Assistance	2,300.00
Public Relief	300.00
Damages and Legal Expenses inc. Dog damages	50.00
Payments on Debt. (Interest)	200.00
County Tax	1,074.99
School Tax	15,641.48
Total Town and School Appropriations	<u>\$31,989.37</u>

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$526.34
Railroad Tax	103.04
Savings Bank Tax	75.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	715.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	883.69

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,000.00	
Dog Licenses	100.00	
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	50.00	
National Forest Reserve	63.30	
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Total Revenues and Credits		\$3,516.37
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		\$28,473.00
Plus Overlay		202.54
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		\$28,675.54
Less:		
152 Poll Taxes at \$2.00		304.00
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Amount to be raised by Property Taxes		\$28,371.54
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes		\$28,371.54
Poll Taxes at \$2.00		304.00
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Total Taxes to be Committed		\$28,675.54
Town Tax Rates Approved by Tax Comm.		\$5.68

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM A. MORRISON

GROVER C. BRECK

FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of Treasurer	\$5,546.67
Other Bills Due Town:	
Error on Road Bills 8 & 10	1.79
Over Payment of Withholding Tax	1.44
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1954	738.18
Levy of 1953	497.17
Previous Years	436.91
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1955	4,621.11
Levy of 1954	16.75
Levy of 1953	19.50
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1955	265.00
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Total Assets	\$12,144.52
Excess of Liabilities over Assets (Net Debt)	818.20
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Grand Total	\$12,962.72

LIABILITIES

Due To State:	
State Head Taxes—1955	
(Uncollected \$265.00) (Collected—not remitted to State Treas. \$107.50)	\$372.50
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	12,521.48
One half National Forest Reserve	68.74
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Total Liabilities	\$12,962.72

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
From Local Taxes:	
Property Taxes—1955	\$23,823.59
Poll Taxes—Regular @\$2.00—1955	224.00
Yield Taxes—1955	95.92
State Head Taxes @ \$5.00—1955	765.00
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Total Current Year's Taxes	
Collected and Remitted	\$24,907.81
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes	
Previous Years	7,684.97
Poll Taxes—Previous Years—@ \$2.00	70.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5.00—Previous Years	295.00
Interest Received on Taxes	279.97
Penalties on State Head Taxes	30.50
Tax Sales Redeemed Plus Interest	1,068.43
Lease Land Rents	140.18
From State:	
For Class V Highway Maintenance	845.78
Interest and Dividends Tax	526.34
Railroad Tax	107.04
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	33.95
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands	613.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	480.58
National Forest Reserve	137.48
Fighting Forest Fires	43.80
Bounties	72.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	73.89
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	98.77
Business Licenses, permits and filing fees	
Pistol Permits	3.50
Timber Sold	5.00
Rent of Town Property	152.00
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1954 Permits	13.94
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1955 Permits	1,221.36
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$16,000.00
Refunds on Social Security	1.71
Timber Tax Security	27.00
Void Checks	6.00
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$16,034.71
Total Receipts from all Sources	\$54,940.00
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1955	4,212.05
Grand total	59,152.05

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expense:

General Government:

Town Officer's Salaries	\$1,443.89
Town Officer's Expenses	511.46
Election and registration expenses	83.64
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	158.26

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	32.00
Fire Department, including forest fires	413.60
Moth extermination—Blister Rust and care of Trees	100.00
Bounties	37.50

Health:

Health Department, including hospitals	500.00
Vital Statistics	12.25
Town dumps and garbage removal	120.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	447.90
Town Maintenance	8,963.70
Street Lighting	660.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	314.83

Libraries:

Libraries	300.00
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Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	2,349.62
Town Poor	228.00

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veteran's Association	10.00
Aid to soldiers and their families	100.51

Unclassified:

Balance due Turner Trust Fund	10.00
Minister Lease Land Rents	53.96
Overpayment Withholding Tax	1.44
Taxes bought by Town	1,041.96
Overpayment road invoices	1.79
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	117.55

Total Current Maintenance Expenses . . . **\$1,216.70**

Interest:

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes 242.50

Total Interest Payments **\$242.50**

Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:	
Highways and Bridges—Town construction	\$1,447.32
Total Outlay Payments	\$1,447.32
Indebtedness:	
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of Taxes	\$16,000.00
Total Indebtedness Payments	\$16,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
State Head Taxes paid State Treas.	
(1955 Taxes . . 657.50) (Prior Yrs. \$229.50)	\$957.00
Taxes paid to County	1,074.99
Payments to School District	
Lease Land Rents	66.72
(1954 Tax \$12,682.99) (1955 Tax \$3,120.00)	15,802.99
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	\$17,901.70
Total Payments for all Purposes	53,605.38
Cash on hand December 31, 1955	5,546.67
Grand Total	\$59,152.05

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$4,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	300.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	5.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	1,500.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Highway Department, Equipment	2,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	200.00
Schools, Land and Buildings	11,300.00
Equipment	3,700.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through	
Tax Collector's deeds	
J. P. Osborne (Livesey wood lot)	60.00
75 a. Veaudry place	225.00
90 a. Scott Burley (Thayer Mt. land)	300.00
70 a. Scott Burley (E. G. Davis land)	200.00
248 a. Pratt-Burdick place	500.00
2 a. Kimball lot	40.00
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Total Valuation	\$37,330.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Auto Permits

Received from Dec. 31, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1955

1954 Tax	\$13.94
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1955 Tax	1,221.36
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Paid Treasurer	\$1,235.30
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Dog Taxes

1955 Tax	\$108.17
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Less Fees Paid	9.40
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Paid Treasurer	\$98.77
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Total Amount Paid Treasurer	\$1,334.07
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OLIVE M. BELYEA,

Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTORS REPORTS

1954 Warrant uncollected		
Jan. 1, 1955	\$6,986.79	
Collected and remitted		\$1,428.42
Interest collected		4.08
Uncollected, March 24, 1955	5,558.37	
1954 Poll Tax Warrant		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955	\$82.00	
2 Polls added	4.00	
Collected and remitted		\$30.00
Interest collected		.03
Uncollected, March 24, 1955	56.00	
1954 Head Tax Warrant		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955	\$290.00	
7 Head taxes added	35.00	
Collected and remitted		\$115.00
Penalties collected		8.50
Uncollected March 24, 1955	210.00	
1954 Lease Land Rent		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955	\$35.10	
Collected and remitted		\$35.10
1954 Yield Tax		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955	\$315.65	
Collected and remitted		\$104.63
Interest collected		.91
Uncollected March 24, 1955	211.02	
1953 Warrant Uncollected		
Jan. 1, 1955	\$22.50	
Uncollected March 24, 1955	22.50	
1953 Poll Tax Warrant		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955	\$24.00	
Uncollected March 24, 1955	24.00	
1953 Yield Tax,		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955	\$170.57	
Uncollected March 24, 1955	170.57	
1952 Yield Tax		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955	134.11	
Uncollected March 24, 1955	134.11	

1951 Yield Tax		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955	\$71.29	
Uncollected March 24, 1955	71.29	
Redemptions Collected		\$306.55
Interest Collected		47.55

Grand Total Remitted	\$2,080.77
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I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RICHARD L. DOWNING

1955 Warrant	\$28,371.54	
Added	8.52	
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	\$28,380.06	
Collected and remitted		\$23,823.59
Collected and remitted, interest		2.07
Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1956	\$4,545.11	
Abated	11.36	
1955 Poll Tax Warrant	\$304.00	
Added	4.00	
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	\$308.00	
Collected and remitted		\$224.00
Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1956	\$76.00	
Abated	8.00	
1955 Head Tax Warrant	\$985.00	
Added	50.00	
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	\$1,035.00	
Collected and remitted		765.00
Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1956	\$265.00	
Abated	5.00	
Head Tax Penalties collected and remitted		\$4.00

TAX COLLECTORS REPORTS (Continued)

1955 Lease Land Rents	\$105.08	
Collected and remitted		\$105.08
1954 Warrant	\$5,558.37	
Added	52.00	
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	\$5,610.37	
Collected and remitted		\$5,593.62
Interest collected and remitted		194.19
Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1956	\$16.75	
1954 Poll Tax Warrant	\$56.00	
Collected and remitted		\$40.00
Abated	16.00	
1954 Head Tax Warrant	\$210.00	
Added	25.00	
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	\$235.00	
Collected and remitted		\$180.00
Abated	55.00	
Head Tax penalties collected and remitted		\$18.00
1953 Warrant	\$22.50	
Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1956	19.50	
Abated	3.00	
1953 Poll Tax Warrant	\$24.00	
Abated	24.00	

Yield Tax Warrants:

1955 Warrant	\$403.11	
Collected and remitted		\$95.22
Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1956	307.89	
1954 Warrant	\$211.02	
Collected and remitted		\$211.02
1953 Warrant	\$170.57	
Collected and remitted		\$170.57
1952 Warrant	\$134.11	
Collected and remitted		\$105.42
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1956	28.69	

1951 Warrant	\$71.29	
Collected and remitted		\$71.29
Yield Tax interest collected and remitted		\$31.14
Redemption Warrant	\$1,535.40	
Omitted from Warrant	36.79	

\$1,572.19

Collected and remitted		\$722.55
Interest on Redemptions collected and remitted		39.33
Unredeemed Tax Sales	\$849.64	

\$32,396.09

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1954	\$738.18	..
Levy of 1953	497.17	
Previous years	436.91	

I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CLYDE F. BROWN

Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 1955	\$4,212.05
Tax Collector :	
1955 Property Tax	\$23,823.59
1955 Property Tax Interest	2.07
1955 Poll Tax	224.00
1955 Head Tax	765.00
1955 Head Tax Penalties	4.00
1955 Yield Tax	95.22
1954 Property Tax	7,022.04
1954 Poll Tax	70.00
1954 Head Tax	295.00
1954 Head Tax Penalties	26.50
1954 Yield Tax	315.65
1953 Yield Tax	170.57
1952 Yield Tax	105.42
1951 Yield Tax	71.29
Lease Land Rent	140.18
Interest	277.90
Redemptions	1,029.10
Redemption Interest	39.33
Town Clerk :	
1955 Auto Tax	1,221.36
1954 Auto Tax	13.94
1955 Dog Tax	98.77
Selectmen :	
Notes	16,000.00

Timber Sold	5.00
Pistol Permits	3.50
Selectmen and Janitor:	
Rent of Town Hall	152.00
State Treasurer:	
Bounty on Bear	10.00
Bounty on Porcupine	62.00
Forest Fire Bill	43.80
Maintenance Class V Highways	845.78
Recovery of Old Age Assistance	73.89
Interest and Dividend Tax	526.34
Distribution National Forest Reserve Fund	137.48
Reimbursement a/c Federal and State Forest Lands	613.00
Savings Bank Tax	33.95
Railroad Tax	107.04
Reimbursement a/c Tax Loss	480.58
Charles F. Cutting: Timber Tax Security	27.00
Void Check	6.00
Robert Hakenson: Refund of Social Security	1.71

Total Receipts	\$59,152.05
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EXPENDITURES

Orders of Selectmen	\$53,605.38
Cash on Hand December 31, 1955	5,546.67

\$59,152.05

LOTTIE M. McLAUGHLIN,
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

Robert Hakenson, selectman	\$196.00
William A. Morrison, selectman	171.50
Grover C. Breck, selectman	147.00
Richard L. Downing, tax collector, 1954	31.50
Clyde F. Brown, tax collector 1955	476.23
Olive M. Belyea, town clerk	88.20
Olive M. Belyea, issuing auto permits	99.00
Lottie M. McLaughlin, treasurer	117.60
Ben B. Foster, auditor	44.58
Anson C. Tuttle, auditor	44.59
State Treasurer, employees retirement and Social Security	27.69

\$1,443.89

Town Officers' Expenses:

Anson C. Tuttle, postage	\$1.44
Ben B. Foster, auditor, justice fee	.50
Association of N. H., assessor's dues	3.00
The Journal-Transcript, printing town reports	227.50
Ayer Insurance Agency, town officers' bonds	96.84
Edson C. Eastman Co., office supplies	43.97
Edson C. Eastman, tax collector's supplies	44.15
Richard L. Downing, postage	.75
F. J. Shores, register of deeds, abstracts	6.00
Anna D. Proctor, register of probate, 1 transfer name	.10
F. J. Shores, register of deeds, transfers	6.78
Wheeler and Clark, office supplies	16.42
The Record Print, rubber stamp	1.90
Clyde F. Brown, search for mortgages	5.00
Charles R. Hardy, town clerk's association dues	2.00
Branham Pub. Co., auto reference guide	4.00
Grover C. Breck, telephone and postage	5.40
Olive M. Belyea, postage and expenses	4.01
Lottie M. McLaughlin, postage and expenses	10.00
Clyde F. Brown, tax collector association dues, supplies, justice fee and expenses	31.70

\$511.46

Election and Registration:

William A. Morrison, moderator	\$7.84
Ben B. Foster, supervisor of check list	15.68
Anson C. Tuttle, supervisor of check list	15.68
Charles A. Gilbert, supervisor of check list	15.68
Record Print, check lists	28.76
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	\$83.64

Town Hall and Other Buildings:

White Mt. Power Co., electric service	\$39.64
Rand's, paint	22.04
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, paint	15.85
Wentworth Gen. Store, material for repairs	1.30
Stephen E. Childs, tuning piano	5.00
Arthur C. Morrison, wood for town hall	22.50
Clyde F. Brown, janitor service, labor and material	51.93
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	\$158.26

Police Department:

Arthur C. Morrison, dog constable	\$22.00
Arthur C. Morrison, police duties	10.00
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	\$32.00

Fire Department:

Noyes Ins. Co., insurance on fire house	\$13.60
Noyes Ins. Co., insurance on fire truck	55.00
Wentworth Volunteer Fire Dept., balance appropriation	231.00
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	\$300.00

Forest Fires:

Harold B. Brown, training school	\$39.00
Harold B. Brown, fire at dump	26.00

DETAILED STATEMENT (Continued)

Harold B. Brown, fire trails	48.60
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	\$113.60

Blister Rust Control:

William H. Messick, control of blister rust	\$100.00
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Bounties:

Grover C. Breck, paid on 32 hedgehogs	\$16.00
Robert Hakenson, paid on 43 hedgehogs	21.50
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	\$37.50

Health Department:

Dr. James J. Kidney, bonus	\$500.00
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Vital Statistics:

Olive M. Belyea, recording	\$12.25
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Town Dump:

Lewis W. Gove, rent of land	\$120.00
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Town Maintenance:

Harold Matava, road agent	\$2,869.33
Freeman E. Wright, road agent	6,094.37
Freeman E. Wright, contruction on Ellsworth Hill bridge	1,447.32
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	\$10,411.02

Town Road Aid:

	T.R.A.	State	Town	Total
July 1 Apportionment		\$2,986.01	\$447.90	\$3,433.91

General Expense of Highway Department:

Boston & Maine R. R., timbers	\$40.00
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Petrometal Industries, load limit signs	265.83
Boston & Maine R. R., cinders	9.00
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	\$314.83

Street Lighting:

White Mt. Power Co., street lights	\$660.00
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Libraries:

Elsie Downing, treasurer Webster Memorial Library	\$300.00
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Head Tax: State of N. H.:

1954 Head Taxes	\$657.50
Previous Years Head Taxes	299.50
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	\$957.00

Turner Trust Fund:

Town Trustees, balance due	\$10.00
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Lease Land Rents:

Wentworth Congregational Church	\$35.98
Atwell Hill Baptist Church	17.98
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	\$53.96

Retirement & Social Security:

State of N. H., town's share	\$117.55
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Director of Internal Revenue:

Overpayment on Withholding tax	\$1.44
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Harold Matava, Road Agent:

Overpayment of Invoices No. 8 and 10	\$1.79
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Old Age Assistance:

State of N. H., O.A.A. and Aid to disabled	\$2,349.62
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DETAILED STATEMENT (Continued)**Town Poor:**

Town Aid	\$228.00
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Soldiers Aid:

Veterans Aid	\$100.51
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Memorial Day:

Town of Warren, flags	\$10.00
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Taxes Bought By Town:

Clyde F. Brown, tax collector	\$1,041.96
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Interest:

Pemigewasset Nat. Bank, int. on temp. loans	\$242.50
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County Tax:

Lawrence M. Colby, county treasurer	\$1,074.99
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School District:

Balance 1954-1955 appropriation	\$12,682.99
Part 1955-1956 appropriation	3,120.00
1954 School Lease land rent balance	15.60
1955 School Lease Land Rent	51.12

	\$15,869.71
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Total Payments	\$53,605.38
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ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

South Wentworth Road Agent

Harold Matava, Road Agent

Miscellaneous Bills:

Hugh Evans, welding	\$16.25
Chase Grain Mill, salt and culverts	98.72
R. S. Yeaton, Inc., bridge plank	84.38
H. Dewey Chase, bridge plank	21.00
W. H. Willey, sand and spikes	7.95
Reese Frescoln, gravel	38.70
Blaktop, Inc., blacktop	28.93
Berg & Ireland, bridge plank	41.00

\$336.93

Bridge and Culverts:

H. Matava, truck, labor, tractor, shovel	\$194.00
C. Earl Gove, labor	46.00
Robert Smith, labor	8.00

\$248.00

Cutting Bushes:

C. Earl Gove, labor	\$8.00
H. Matava, team, labor, truck	33.60

\$41.60

Ellsworth Hill:

H. Matava, tractor shovel, truck, labor	\$59.40
C. Earl Gove, labor	14.00
Clyde Brown, labor	8.00
Freeman Wright, truck, labor	24.80

\$106.20

Hooper Hill and Cheever Roads:

H. Matava, truck, labor	\$49.60
Robert Smith, labor	16.00

\$65.60

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT (Continued)

Cross and Rowentown Roads:

H. Matava, truck, tractor shovel, labor	\$599.30
Robert Smith, labor	32.00
Lawrence Smith, labor	18.50
C. Earl Gove, labor	73.00

\$722.80

Mail Road:

H. Matava, truck, labor	\$16.00
C. Earl Gove, labor	8.00

\$24.00

Snow and Sand:

H. Matava, tractor shovel, truck, plow, labor	\$976.30
Gerald Hutchins, labor	7.50

\$983.80

Branch Road:

Freeman Wright, truck, labor	\$6.20
C. Earl Gove, labor	14.00
H. Matava, tractor shovel, truck, labor	218.00

\$238.20

Total \$2,869.33

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Freeman E. Wright, Road Agent

Snow Removal and Sanding:

Freeman E. Wright	\$388.85
Freeman E. Wright, truck	620.00
William F. Randall	281.70
Theodore E. Wright	247.00
William F. Gove	11.47
Richard L. Downing, tractor	24.00
Richard L. Downing	1.35
Elmer P. Wall	14.75
Arthur H. Fellows	45.60
C. Earl Gove	12.50
Town of Warren Highway Dept.	20.00
Elmore P. Wall	14.75
Kenneth Dunklee	7.00

\$1,679.22

Ditches and Culverts:

Freeman E. Wright	\$151.65
Freeman E. Wright, truck	281.00
William F. Randall	151.00
Theodore E. Wright	100.50
Elmer W. Shontell	13.50
Earl B. Libbey	2.00

\$699.65

Atwell Hill Road:

Freeman E. Wright	\$102.25
Freeman E. Wright, truck	193.00
William F. Randall	39.00
Theodore E. Wright	67.50
G. Milton Blodgett	1.50
Elmer W. Shontell	96.00

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT (Continued)

Clyde F. Brown	96.50
Bernard Pease	21.00
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	\$616.75
Beech Hill Road:	
Freeman E. Wright	\$11.00
Freeman E. Wright, truck	20.00
Theodore E. Wright	8.00
Arthur H. Fellows	2.00
Elmer W. Shontell	4.00
Clyde F. Brown	10.00
Earl B. Libbey, tractor	28.50
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	\$83.50
Buffalo Road:	
Freeman E. Wright	\$76.70
Freeman E. Wright, truck	138.00
William F. Randall	32.00
Paul King, bulldozer	52.50
Theodore E. Wright	32.00
Elmer W. Shontell	13.00
Clyde F. Brown	41.50
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	\$385.70
Cross Road:	
Freeman E. Wright	\$24.20
Freeman E. Wright, truck	71.50
William F. Randall	8.00
Theodore E. Wright	13.00
Clyde F. Brown	19.00
Bernard Pease	9.50
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	\$145.20
East Side Road:	
Freeman E. Wright	\$41.25

Freeman E. Wright, truck	67.00
Freeman E. Wright, cold patch	45.50
Theodore E. Wright	15.00
Elmer W. Shontell	17.00
Clyde F. Brown	35.50
Bernard Pease	15.50
Blaktop, Inc., cold patch	302.13

\$538.88

Oak Hill Road:

Freeman E. Wright	\$8.80
Freeman E. Wright, truck	16.00
Elmer W. Shontell	8.00
Clyde F. Brown	8.00
Earl B. Libbey, tractor	10.50

\$51.30

Ellsworth Hill Road:

Freeman E. Wright	\$102.85
Freeman E. Wright, truck	140.00
Paul King, bulldozer	210.00
Glenn S. Smith	11.50
Robert Hakenson	15.00
Conrad Yeaton	22.00
Elmer W. Shontell	59.50
Clyde F. Brown	55.50
Forrest Derrick	21.50
Bernard Pease	8.00
Harold Matava	11.00
Harold Matava, tractor	20.00
Harold Matava, truck, driver	24.00

\$700.85

Village and Creamery Road:

Freeman E. Wright	\$24.20
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ROAD AGENT'S REPORT (Continued)

Freeman E. Wright, truck	44.00
Elmer W. Shontell	9.00
Clyde F. Brown	16.00
Harold Matava	14.30
Harold Matava, tractor	26.00
Harold Matava, truck, driver	3.00

\$136.50

Cutting Bushes :

Arthur Morrison	\$46.00
Dale Gilbert	29.00
Griffin Tuttle	5.00
Leland Libbey, tractor	35.00
Gilbert Brown, chain saw	3.00
Theodore E. Wright	22.50
William F. Randall	22.50

\$163.00

Ellsworth Hill Bridge :

Freeman E. Wright	\$101.60
Freeman E. Wright, truck	108.00
Freeman E. Wright, A. L. Reade Bill	32.00
Clyde F. Brown	230.63
Bernard Pease	122.50
Elmer W. Shontell	128.50
Eva Hunkins, cement, nails	256.14
R. S. Yeaton, lumber	156.25
Robert Hakenson	12.00
H. Matava	48.40
H. Matava, truck, tractor	176.00
F. P. Phelps, nails	4.00
J. H. Fletcher, grain sacks	9.30
G. Milton Blodgett, car frames	6.00
Theodore E. Wright	32.00

William F. Randall	24.00
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	\$1,447.32
Miscellaneous Bills:	
F. P. Phelps, kerosene, gas, files	\$17.61
Merrimack Farmers Ex., salt, bush scythes	50.97
H. Dewey Chase, Lumber, cement mixer	62.46
A. C. Paige, material, welding town equip.	326.56
Herbert E. Page, gravel	27.30
James Marston, sand	18.00
Edmund Bemis Jr., spark plugs (tractor)	3.48
Robert Hakenson, gas for town tractor	44.07
Columbian Steel Co., snow plow, grader blades	208.42
Rand's Hardware, pick handles	5.34
Amos L. Reade, acetylene torch	3.00
Eva Hunkins, material for culvert thawer	17.84
Alice Currier, gravel	11.25
M. E. McLoud & Sons, air compressor	56.00
Chase Grain Mill, culvert	20.52
Freeman E. Wright, dynamite caps	21.00
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	\$893.82
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Grand Total	\$7,541.69

WEBSTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report Year Ending December 31, 1955
 Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1955 \$1,043.95

EXPENDITURES

Librarians	21.00
Indoor Janitor	3.50
Electricity	29.03
Fuel Oil	253.18
Books	10.00
Magazines	2.00
Repairs	143.88
Bank Charges	.75
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Total	\$463.34
Balance Mar. 6, 1955	\$580.61

RECEIPTS

Gift from Mrs. Kenyon	\$400.00
Plummer Estate Dividends	179.20
Town Appropriation	300.00
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Total	\$1459.81

EXPENDITURES

Librarians	\$93.00
Indoor Janitor	15.50
Electricity	33.49
Fuel Oil	212.30
Books	99.41
Magazines	41.00
Insurances	45.89
Care of grounds	34.00
Repairs etc.	73.35
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	\$647.94
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Balance Jan. 1, 1956	\$811.87
Invested Funds for permanent repairs	\$321.03

ELSIE DOWNING

Treasurer

ACCOUNT OF GEORGE F. PLUMMER
MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Receipts

Balance on check book, Jan. 1, 1955	\$320.42
Oct. 9, 1955 Received of Willie Dow for rent	100.00
1955 Income from Plummer Investments	1,391.11
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	\$1,811.53

Expenses

Aug. 1, 1955 Distributed part of Plummer Dividend	\$345.20
Dec. 31, 1955 Distributed Balance of Plummer Dividend	371.60
March 31, 1955 Deposited in Savings Bank	171.60
Oct. 1, 1955 Interest to Oct. 1, 1955 (undivided)	52.71
Dec. 31, 1955 Deposited in Savings Bank	450.00
Dec. 31, 1955 Deposited in Savings Bank	100.00
Jan. 1, 1956 Balance on hand	320.42
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	\$1,811.53

ARTHUR H. FELLOWS

HAROLD B. BROWN

Trustees of Trust Funds Town of Wentworth

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH, N. H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1955

Date of Creation	Name of Fund	Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount	Rate	Income	Expended
1935, Jan. 22	Nannie B. Briggs, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	\$100.00		\$3.02	\$3.02
1917, June 17	Clara E. Burnham, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	100.00		3.02	3.02
1939, June 23	Herbert A. Clark, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	200.00		6.05	6.05
1933, April 26	Thomas F. Clifford, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	200.00		6.05	6.05
1924, June 30	Esther Dana, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	100.00		3.02	3.02
1924, June 30	Esther Dana, care Flanders cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	25.00		.38	.38
1950, Nov. 8	Charles L. Davis, for family cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	800.00		24.18	24.18
1908, Feb. 12	Mary M. Dean, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	25.00		.76	.76
1950, Sept. 12	Esma M. Dickinson, care family cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	500.00		15.11	15.11
1933, July 1	Clarence A. Eaton, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	100.00		1.50	1.50
1943, June 18	Emma J. Foster, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	150.00		4.53	4.53
1925, April 23	Maria E. Hines, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	100.00		1.50	1.50
1940, July 1	Abner Hoyt, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	100.00		3.02	3.02
1940, July 1	Peter L. Hoyt, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	100.00		3.02	3.02
1949, July 18	Delbert Jessman, care family cemetery lot		Mechanics Sav. Bank	*200.00			
1917, Dec. 3	Ann Libbey, care family cemetery lot		Merrimack Co. Sav. Bk.	*100.00			
1920, Sept. 13	Abbie Moulton, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	100.00		3.02	3.02
1925, May 29	Peters Fund, for school use		Plymouth Savings Bk.	*1,000.00			
1931, Jan. 7	Luther Smith, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	50.00		.75	.75
1943, July 7	Henrietta Walker, to be used in cemetery		Plymouth Savings Bk.	100.00		1.50	1.50
1949, Sept. 2	Edward W. Webster, care cemetery lot		Plymouth Savings Bk.	1,000.00		30.23	30.23

* No interest drawn;

TRUST FUNDS (Continued)

Date of Creation	Name of Fund	Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount	Rate	Income	Expended
1953, April 17	Orville H. Brown, care of lot	cemetery	Plymouth Savings Bk.	100.00	Interest 3%	3.02	3.02
1953, April 17	Orville H. Brown, care of Brown lot	of George H. Brown	Plymouth Savings Bk.	100.00		3.02	3.02
1953, Dec. 31	Charles W. Norris, care of Norris grave	of Charles W. Norris	Plymouth Savings Bk.	50.00		1.50	1.50
1954 June 28	Turner Memorial Trust Fund, free bed in Sceva Speare Mem. Hospital		Plymouth Savings Bk.	\$2,694.95		60.94	
1946, Sept. 7	George F. Plummer Mem. Tr. Fund, care of cemeteries and library		Plymouth Savings Bk.	x1,510.60		52.71	
1952, Jan.	George F. Plummer Mem. Tr. Fund, care of cemeteries and library		Geo. Putnam Fd. (stocks)	\$9,995.00	4%	400.00	400.00
1952, Jan.	George F. Plummer Mem. Tr. Fund, care of cemeteries and library		Incorporated Investors	\$7,983.80	4%	316.80	316.80

†Capital Gains \$450. †Capital Gains not received as yet
 ‡New Fund Created, \$10; Balance End of Year, \$2,765.89.

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief. Feb. 2, 1956.

ARTHUR H. FELLOWS, HAROLD B. BROWN, Trustees

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Collector of Taxes, Library Trustees, Town Trustees and Road Agents for the year ending Dec. 31, 1955 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

BEN B. FOSTER

C. EARL GOVE

January 23, 1956

Auditors

WENTWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Report for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1955

RECEIPTS

Cash in Pemigewasset Nat. Bank, Jan. 1, 1955	\$504.50
Membership dues	13.00
Balance of Appropriation	231.40
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	\$748.90

PAYMENTS

C. B. Titus, fuel oil	\$79.05
Gas and oil	5.89
Mass. Bonding and Insurance Co.	114.00
New Hampshire Firemen's Association	13.00
L. J. Donnelly, painting sign	6.00
Post cards	1.00
Xmas oranges	2.73
Check book	2.00
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	\$225.30
Cash in Pemigewasset Nat. Bank, Dec. 31, 1955	523.60
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	\$748.90

CLYDE F. BROWN,
Secretary-treasurer

BE A GOOD CITIZEN—COOPERATE

Smoking and debris burning caused more than 50 percent of the forest fires occurring in the state of New Hampshire in 1955—235 fires out of a total of 463 originated from these two sources. Lighted smoking material thrown from moving vehicles along the highway or dropped by fishermen, hunters, hikers, berry and flower pickers accounted for 26 percent; debris burning in the wrong place or at the wrong time by those who failed to heed all pleas for safety or refused to recognize the logical, sensible rules and regulations set up under legislative authority governing the use of fire in or near woodlands accounted for more than 24 percent. This is inexcusable.

Everything possible is being done officially to remedy the situation. Since 1909 there has been a statute on our law books which requires everyone to secure written permission from the local forest fire warden before starting a fire in or near woodlands or where fire can be communicated to woodlands, unless the ground is covered with snow. A never ending program of educational work is being carried on by your local warden and state officials to inform the general public both of the value and necessity of securing the required permit for such burning. Much progress has been made, but there are still many who fail or refuse to cooperate. The value of our permit system was definitely proven in this district during the 1955 year. District local wardens issued 959 permits for debris burning fires. That's a lot of permits. The district record shows only 2 permit fires got out of control. This proves several things—while wardens were liberal in the issuance of fire permits, accommodating every applicant so far as possible, they were cautious, following closely directives outlining overall policy governing the issuance of burning permits and thoroughly instructing permit users. The latter, too, fully appreciating their responsibility in using their permits, governed themselves accordingly. Result? Much burning done legally and safe.

But what of smokers? Despite all the efforts of those officially charged with the responsibility of preventing fires, too many were careless or thoughtless in disposing of

smoking material and matches. Why? It is difficult to say autos are now equipped with ash trays. Why not use them? The crushing out of a cigar, cigarette and the complete extinguishment of matches before being discarded is an easy chore.

If the costly habits of the careless and indifferent smoker and debris burner could be overcome, more than half of our annual forest fires would be eliminated. Will YOU do YOUR share to bring this about?

REMEMBER

1. Get a written permit from your local warden before starting your debris burning or camp fire. The law requires it.
2. Make certain they are dead out before leaving them.
3. Become a safe smoker by extinguishing smoking material and matches before discarding them.

HAROLD BROWN—FOREST FIRE WARDEN

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The following is a report of the activities carried on in the Town of Wentworth, by the N. H. Department of Health, Bureau Public Health Nursing for the year 1955.

In the months of May and October 1955 the children from the first and second grades were given the opportunity to attend the polio vaccine clinic held at Plymouth. Transportation was arranged by the school district. Four children took advantage of this program. The Salk Polio vaccine clinic was made possible by the National Polio Foundation, clinics were conducted by the N. H. Department of Health in cooperation with the School Nurse and local March of Dimes Chairman.

Home visits have also been made in the town by the Public Health Nurse on families with pre-school age children. Arrangements have been made for some children to attend Cripple Children's Clinics, and follow up visits as necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS W. BARTON, R. N.

Public Health Nurse, N. H. Department of Health

Annual Report

of the

School District

of the town of

WENTWORTH

New Hampshire

WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Officers of the School Board

	Term Expires
Mrs. Esther McCarthy	1956
Mrs. Florence Downing	1957
Mr. Wayne Forrest	1958

Treasurer and Clerk

Mrs. Melissa Breck

Superintendent of Schools

Mr. M. Wayne Bowie

School Nurse

Mrs. Helen Fisher

1955 Graduates of Wentworth School

Shirley Downing	Robert Dow
James Valliere	

1955 and 1956 Teachers in Wentworth School

Miss Elizabeth Cole	Grades 1-2-3-4
Mr. Stephen Valla	Grades 5-6-7-8

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Wentworth qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 9th day of March 1956, at 8 o'clock in the p. m. to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

SCHOOL WARRANT (Continued)

9. To see if the School District will vote to open the third classroom.

10. If the vote on the previous article is in the affirmative, to see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to execute this article.

Given under our hands at said Wentworth this 2nd day of February 1956.

ESTHER M. McCARTHY
FLORENCE B. DOWNING
WAYNE S. FORREST

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ESTHER M. McCARTHY
FLORENCE B. DOWNING
WAYNE S. FORREST

School Board

BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
WENTWORTH, N. H.,

1956-57

	Expenditures 1954-55	Adopted Budget 1955-56	Adopted Budget 1956-57
EXPENDITURES			
Administration:			
Salaries of district officers	\$266.70	\$270.00	\$260.00
Supt.'s salary (local share)	309.39	260.85	170.09
Tax for state wide supervision	154.00	160.00	146.00
Salaries of other adm. personnel	10.00	75.00	60.00
Supplies and expenses	49.28	75.00	117.85
Instruction:			
Elementary teachers' salaries	6,858.30	7,100.00	6,780.00
Books & other instruc. aids, elem.	560.92	150.00	250.00
Scholars' supplies, elem.	15.42	300.00	250.00
Supplies & other exp., elem.		50.00	35.00
Operation of School Plant:			
Salaries of janitors, elem.	453.48	500.00	450.00
Fuel or heat, elem.	603.37	750.00	200.00
Water, light, supplies & exp., elem.	168.06	200.00	200.00
Maintenance of School Plant:			
Repairs & replacements, elem.	233.87	300.00	200.00
Auxiliary Activities:			
Health supervision, elem.	227.91	225.00	350.00
Transportation, elem.	3,292.00	3,292.00	2,800.00
Tuition, high	4,218.81	6,115.00	6,680.00
Special activities & special funds, elem.	117.09	200.00	125.00
Fixed Charges:			
Teachers' retirement, elem.	243.42	484.85	485.24
Insur., treas. bonds & exp., elem	429.60	500.00	10.00
Contingency Fund:		719.11	602.08
Capital Outlay:			
Additions & improvements, elem.		200.00	200.00
New equipment, elem.	68.30	150.00	75.00
Debt and Interest:			
Principal of debt	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Interest on debt	140.00	120.00	100.00
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Total Expenditures or School Appropriation	\$19,419.92		\$22,046.26

RECEIPTS	Receipts 1954-55	Adopted Budget 1956-57
Balance (actual or estimate)	\$3,596.04	\$1,500.00
State aid	623.70	3,751.30
Federal aid	63.30	50.00
Elem. school tuition		175.00
Land lease	59.61	50.00
Total Receipts Other Than		
Property Taxes	\$4,342.65	\$5,526.30
District Assessment		16,519.96
Total Appropriation Voted by		
School District	\$20,682.99	\$22,046.26

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WENTWORTH

Hereby submitted is my annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

Since my last report to you a number of changes have occurred in your school which I shall enumerate later in this report.

During the remainder of the school year, after the period covered by the report preceding this one, achievement tests were given to the children with most satisfactory results. It was found that the majority of children measured up to or above national norms in achievement and although some were slightly below this is always true in any school system.

Beginning in September, the staff of your school was replaced and Miss Elizabeth Cole is now teaching grades one through four and Mr. Stephen Valla grades five through eight. Miss Cole is a graduate of Gorham State Teachers' College in Maine with a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education and many years successful teaching experience in Maine and New Hampshire. It is my opinion that the instruction being offered by her to your primary pupils is of high caliber and her work has been most satisfactory.

Mr. Valla, a graduate of Keene Teachers' College, who has had some teaching experience in New Hampshire communities, is working out quite satisfactorily in his position. It is at the time difficult in the fifth to eighth grade age range to keep all children busy and interested at once. In my visits to the Wentworth School my feeling has been that his strongest area is social studies where I feel his work is above average.

I would also like to report that Mrs. Helen Fisher, a former school nurse and district nurse in a neighboring town, has assumed the duties as school nurse here. She is well qualified, meets the State's requirements and in my opinion is doing an outstanding job. The music supervisor position has been filled by Mr. Joseph Malfa, a graduate of Boston Conservatory of Music with a Masters Degree in Music Education from Boston University. He has had public school music experience in New York State before coming to us. He does very creditable work in the classroom and I feel he is an outstanding person with instrumental instruction. He gives of his time freely and beyond the demands which could be logically expected of him for the salary he receives.

Since my last report we have adopted a new language series throughout the school which makes it possible to have close articulation between various grades in their forward progress and in the years to come should make considerable difference in the language preparation of your graduates.

I am happy to see that a great part of the needed repair and maintenance work on your building was done during the summer months. Now, with the exception of a few things of a minor nature, the building is in excellent condition. I am not sure of the condition beneath the floors in the old building, but I believe before too long a time they should be checked and when this is done it may be necessary to install new floors.

A problem I can foresee at some future date probably should be brought to your attention and it is related directly to the present and continued shortage of teachers. As good teachers become increasingly difficult to hire, it is going to be continually more difficult to provide good instruction in your school at a cost that you

can afford. It seems to me that in your thinking it might be wise at some future date to consider discussing with the town of Rumney the possibility of adding to their new six-room building and transporting your children there on either a tuition or a cooperative basis. As the problem appears to me at this writing, in so doing there would be a considerable savings to the school district and an opportunity would be presented whereby your children would receive a much higher type of instruction than we could normally expect them to get under the continued present conditions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school board and teachers of Wentworth for their cooperation during the past year and want you to know that I have appreciated and enjoyed working with you.

If there are questions or problems that you have, please feel free to contact me either personally or through the Board at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

M. WAYNE BOWIE,

Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

For The Fiscal Year Beginning

July 1, 1956 and Ending June 30, 1957

	Expen- ditures 1954-55	Estimated Budget 1956-57
Federal Aid:		
National Forest Reserve	\$63.30	\$50.00
State Aid:		
Equalization and Emergency	623.70	3,451.30
Local Taxation:		
Current Appropriation	20,682.99	22,046.26
Other Sources:		
Lease Land, Spec. Activities, etc. (Tuition)	59.61	225.00
Total Net Receipts from all Sources	\$21,429.60	\$25,772.56
Cash on Hand, July 1, 1954	1,586.36	
GRAND TOTAL	\$23,015.96	

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1955

RECEIPTS

State Aid	\$623.70	
Lease Land	59.61	
Current Appropriation	20,682.99	
National For. Res.	63.30	
Cash on Hand	1,586.36	
	<hr/>	\$23,015.96

PAYMENTS

Administration:	
Salaries of District Officers	
Clerk & Treasurer, Melissa Breck	\$43.00
Beatrice Hutchins	60.00
Florence Downing	60.00
Hazel Morrison	45.00
Misc.—Auditors, Census, etc.	58.70
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	\$266.70

Supt. Salary (local share)	309.39	
Tax, State Wide Supervision	154.00	
Salary of Adm. personnel,		
District Treasurer	10.00	
Supplies and Expenses		
(Bank chgs., trans. to meetings, etc)	49.28	
		<u>\$879.37</u>
Instruction :		
Teachers' Salaries		
Theodore Marston	\$3,125.00	
Olive Belyea	2,789.43	
Miriam Meyer (local share)	530.00	
Marjorie Nicol	20.00	
Stephen Childs	83.42	
Tax on Teachers' Salary (prev. yr.)	148.08	
		<u>\$6,695.93</u>
Books	\$526.33	
Scholars' Supplies	50.01	
		<u>\$576.34</u>
Operation of School Plant :		
Salary of Janitor	\$453.48	
Fuel	603.37	
Water, Lights & Supplies	168.06	
		<u>\$1,224.91</u>
Maintenance of School Plant :		
Repairs and Replacements	\$233.87	
Auxiliary Activities :		
Health Supervision	227.91	
		<u>\$461.78</u>
Transportation :		
Oscar Brown	\$842.00	
Lawrence Smith	1,200.00	
William Morrison	1,250.00	
		<u>\$3,292.00</u>
Tuition :		
Orford	\$2,487.93	
Plymouth	1,730.88	
		<u>4,218.81</u>
Special Activities & Spec. Funds :		
School Lunch	117.09	
		<u>\$4,335.90</u>

Fixed Charges:		
Retirement	\$405.79	
Insurance	421.60	
Treas. Bond	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$835.39
Capital Outlay:		
New Equipment		\$68.30
Debts & Interest:		
Principal of Debt	\$1,000.00	
Interest on Debt	140.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,140.00
Grand Total		<hr/> \$19,419.92

M. WAYNE BOWIE,
Superintendent

ESTHER M. McCARTHY
Chairman

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1955

Assets

Cash on hand June 30, 1955	\$3,596.04
Net debt (excess of Liabilities over assets)	3,523.96
GRAND TOTAL	<hr/> \$7,120.00

Liabilities

Note and Interest	\$1,120.00
Notes and Bonds Outstanding (total)	6,000.00
Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$7,120.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$7,120.00

ESTHER M. McCARTHY, Chairman

M. WAYNE BOWIE, Superintendent

EXPLANATION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire, requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent as per the following quotation:—

“REPORTS. Each superintendent of a supervisory union shall annually prepare a report showing the total salary paid to the superintendent, which report shall show in detail the amount derived from the per capita tax and the amount paid directly by each school district in the union.”

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is pro-rated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is pro-rated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30th. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 48 during 1954-1955 received a salary of \$5825 which was made up as follows:— \$2500 paid from the per capita tax and \$3325 pro-rated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$750 for travel within the union was also pro-rated as stated above.

The table below shows the portion of salary and travel charged to each school district.

	Salary	Travel
Campton	\$649.71	\$146.55
Dorchester	65.50	14.78
Plymouth	1,167.41	263.32
Rumney	493.43	111.30
Thornton	237.07	53.48
Wentworth	191.85	43.27
Woodstock	520.03	117.30
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Totals	\$3,325.00	\$750.00

Superintendent's salary for 1954-1955 based on above figures is reconciled as follows: \$3325 paid by the various districts, plus \$2500 received from State per capita tax, equals \$5825 Superintendent's basic salary. This, plus \$750 travel allowance allocated as indicated above, totals \$6575—amount received from State Treasurer for salary and travel of the Superintendent of Schools.

M. WAYNE BOWIE Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Subject: Music Grades 1-4 No. of Children: 20

Textbook: Happy Singing.

School: Wentworth

Taught a number of songs from the above textbook by rote with the elementary knowledge of notation and note values. Children are familiar with the musical signs of many songs and have become conscious of the major tonality and of the minor tonality. "Oh Susanna" and "Honest Abe" are easy songs to master in one day, for these musical children. Rhythm has been used in singing games in which they participate most ardently.

Subject: Music Grades 5-8 No. of Children: 29

Textbook: New Music Horizon 6

School: Wentworth

The pupils are musical and like to sing but about fifty per cent have difficulty with the reading of notation. The other fifty per cent read quite well. However, the text seems to be too far advanced for some of the pupils. Probably due to the lack of instrumental playing. The song "Hymn of Praise" by Haydn is immensely enjoyed.

Instrumental work in this school:

1 trumpet

1 violin

1 piano

**PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR
SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 48, 1956-1957**

September 5, 1956, Wednesday, Schools open.

October 12, 1956, Columbus Day, Schools close.

October 18 and 19, State Teachers Convention, Schools close.

November 12, 1956, Armistice Day, Schools close.

November 21, 1956, Wednesday (1 session) Schools close at 12:30 for Thanksgiving Recess.

November 26, 1956, Monday, Schools reopen.

December 21, 1956, (all day session) Schools close for Christmas Vacation.

January 2, 1957, Wednesday, Schools reopen.

February 15, 1957, Schools close for Washington's Birthday Vacation.

February 25, 1957, Schools reopen.

April 19, 1957, Schools close for Spring Vacation.

April 29, 1957, Schools reopen.

May 30, 1957, Schools close for Memorial Day.

June 14, 1957, Schools close for Summer Recess.

Total school days in session, 179, plus 2 days for teachers convention making a total of 181 school days whereby 1 day may be lost for storm or other emergency before any time needs to be made up.

In as much as Armistice Day in 1956 falls on Sunday, it might be possible to pick up another day by going to school on that date if that be your wishes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

I submit my report as School Nurse in Wentworth since September, 1955, with report of Mrs. Lovett from January to June 1955.

Inspections	52
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The following defects were found:

Tonsils	10
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Dental	35
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Vision	8
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Hearing	2
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Defects corrected:	16
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Tonsils	2
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Dental	12
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Vision	2
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Clinics: Salk Polio—May and October

Children received Salk Vaccine	5
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All children were weighed, measured, Vision and Hearing tested.

School visited once a week.	Home Visits 8
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No communicable diseases during this time.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN H. FISHER, R. N.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Number of books and magazines loaned 4168

Number of books purchased and received as gifts 121

The following magazines have been available to the public, the past year :

Ladies Home Journal, McCall's, Woman's Home Companion, Good Housekeeping, Better Homes and Gardens, Saturday Evening Post, Collier's, Life, Farm Journal, Ford Times, Dumb Animals, The American, True, Sports Afield, Wee Wisdom, American Girl, Children's Activities, Jack and Jill and Plymouth Record, also the New Hampshire Profile and Farm magazine.

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fellows, Mrs. Kenneth Mealy and Esther McCarthy and others who have been kind enough to contribute books and magazines.

ELSIE DOWNING,

Assistant Librarian

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH, N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1955

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride, and residence at time of Marriage	Age	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	1st, 2nd, etc. Marriages	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by whom Married
May 27 Wentworth	Franklin Delano White Ashland, N. H. Flora Helens Jones Wentworth, N. H.	21 22	Laborer At Home	Lincoln Wentworth	John White Lucrета E. Pollard	Caribou, Me. Lincoln	1 1	J. McVickar Haight, Clergyman Bristol, N. H.
Aug. 18 Wentworth	Arnold Earl Guerrin Wentworth, N. H. Nancy Lee Buckland Plymouth, N. H.	28 18	Laborer At Home	Buckland, Mass. Hartford, Conn.	Josephine A. Adams Clifford W. Guerrin Ida Hazel Stuart	Danby, Vt. Bristol	1 1	Olive M. Belyea, Justice of the Peace Wentworth, N. H.
Sept. 4 Fairlee, Vt.	Dale C. Gilbert Wentworth, N. H. Ruth Smith Wentworth, N. H.	19 17	Laborer At Home	Plymouth Wentworth	George F. Buckland Esther M. Hoskins Charles Gilbert Dorice Pease	E. Hart, Conn Hartf'd, Conn Barnet, Vt. Orford	1 1	Hugh P. Holland, Clergyman Fairlee, Vt.
Sept. 10 Wentworth	Herbert Charles Wright Wentworth, N. H. Beverly Alice Newton Wentworth, N. H.	25 18	Machinist Secretary	Cornish Wentworth	Freeman E. Wright Eleanor L. Fletcher	Wentworth Brookl'n N.Y.	1 1	Ralph F. Cole, Clergyman Rumney, N. H.
Sept. 24 Wentworth	Eugene Arthur Dailey Fairlee, Vt. Anna Louise Brown Wentworth, N. H.	24 20	Lumberman Housekeeper	Calais, Vt. Wentworth	Merrin K. Newton Helen D. Dailey Luna M. Dunham	Kearney, N. J. Calais, Vt.	1 1	Robert D. Goodwin, Ordained Minister Wentworth, N. H.
Oct. 1 Bristol	Kenneth Allen Meredith Wentworth, N. H. Hilda Diane Ellis W. Rumney, N. H.	20 19	U. S. N. Stud. Nurse	New York City Bridgewater	Fred A. Brown Helen T. Griffin Donald F. Meredith Jean Hoffman	Canada Som'v'l, Mass Penna. Morrist'n, N.J.	1 1	J. McVickar Haight, Clergyman Bristol, N. H.
Oct. 8 New Hampton	Robert Leroy Webber Wentworth, N. H. Shila Madonna Burbank Plymouth, N. H.	20 17	Laborer At Home	Haverhill Plymouth	John Webber Katherine Cook Alfred W. Burbank Edith A. Gushka	Rumney Haverhill Bridgewater Vermont	1 1	David Van Strien, Minister New Hampton, N. H.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH, N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1955

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Name and Birthplace of Father		Maiden Name and Birthplace of Mother	Occupation of Father
			1st, 2nd, etc.	No. of Child		
			Male	Female		
June 23	Laconia	Deborah L. Brown	F 3		Creta M. Taylor N. H.	Farmer
Oct. 9	Plymouth	Diane Morrison	F 3		Lois D. Meeks Georgia	Body, Fender Work
Oct. 21	Plymouth	Deborah J. King	F 2		Marion E. Verrill N. H.	Woodsmen
Dec. 24	Plymouth	Todd D. Downing	M 1		Wanita F. Henderson N. H.	Carpenter
Color in all cases: White.			Residence of parents each case: Wentworth		All Children Born Living.	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

OLIVE M. BELYEA, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH, N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1955

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age		Place of Birth	Sex	Single, Married or Widowed	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months						
Feb. 27	Newport, Vt.	Winnifred Ellsworth	87		Hungary	F	W	Housewife	John Thompson	Eliza —
May 7	Dorchester	Martha Toth	94		Plymouth	F	W	Housewife	Unknown	Unknown
May 19	Plymouth	Flora A. Howard	89		So. Wentworth	F	W	Housewife	William E. Lowd	Sarah E. Morgan
June 14	Rumney	Lester F. Putney	77		Warren	M	S	Bookkeeper	George E. Putney	Francisca Dow
June 25	Plymouth	Maurice Carpenter	55		Medina, Ohio	M	M	Farmer	Frank Carpenter	Nettie Merrill
June 29	Wentworth	Dudley B. Reed	76		Dorchester, Mass.	M	M	Physician	Arthur T. Reed	Kate Bushnell
Sept. 25	Wentworth	Theodore A. Guinan	50		Plymouth	M	M	Store keeper	Phillip R. Guinan	Elizabeth Nobel
Oct. 9	Plymouth	Diane Morrison	½hr.			F			Donald Morrison	Lois Meeks

Color in all cases: White

In all cases where not otherwise indicated, the cities or towns named are in New Hampshire.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

OLIVE M. BELYEA, Town Clerk

